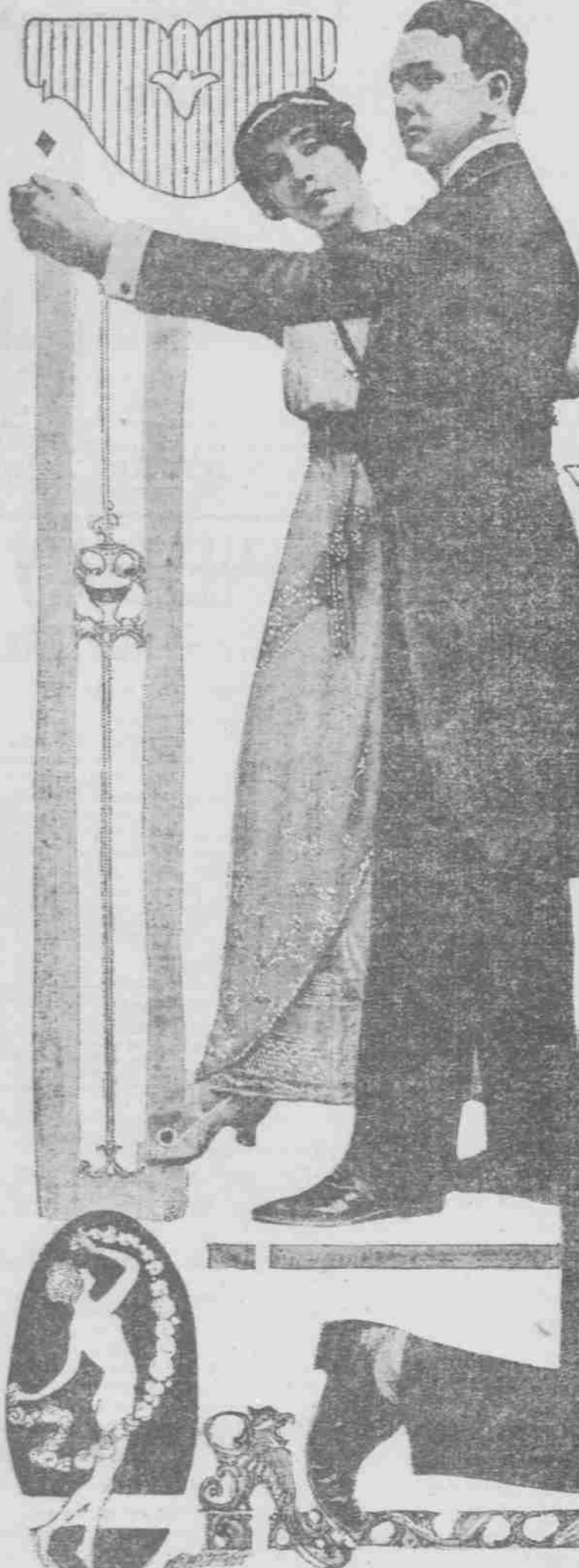


## The Futurist Twirl



THE SKIPPING STEP

By Donald Brian.  
Now playing in "The Marriage Market"—Copyright, 1913, by International News Service.

THE third movement of the Futurist Twirl begins with a skipping step. This comes after the fish walk movement, and is simply an

ordinary skip done four times in the regular turkey trot position for dancing.

On the fifth count comes what is known as the California Dip, with the man's right knee and the girl's right knee touching the floor. This dip is held for two counts of the music, and the finish of the eight counts is

made with two regular turkey trot steps.

Nothing Complicated.  
It can readily be seen that this third movement has nothing complicated about it. Neither the second nor the first, although some practice is required to perfect the fish walk and to make it look like a graceful dance step.

The skipping in this third movement, however, requires no practice at all, and the California Dip is done precisely the same as any dip introduced in any of the tango movements of today. It may be a little lower than some, but the only practice required is to learn to do it so perfectly that it appears easy, and graceful rather than at all strained. Then, too, it should be remembered right here, that the transition from the second to the

nature. We should dance like children romp and play, with absolute spontaneity.

A Suggestion.  
I wonder if the people who are reading this article are sitting still at this stage of the game, like a lot of wooden images, trying to puzzle out what seems to them a tangle of impossible dance steps. If so, stop right here and listen to a little good advice from one who dances a great deal.

Start some good turkey trot on the piano or phonograph, or whatever you have handy. Then get p on the floor and try the steps. You have no idea how very soon the written description of the steps will fit in with the movement of your feet.

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third movement should be made very rapidly.

There should really be no break at all between the fish walk and the second movement, and the skipping and dip of the third. One leads directly into the other.

After all, the secret of any dance step is to make it appear like dance

each movement separately, and then fit the different movements together.

Never try to do everything at once. The result will be a finished dance, and you will scoff at the idea of there ever being a time when you couldn't do so simple a thing as the Futurist Twirl.

## New Light Upon Jefferson Davis Is Shown In Letters to Wife and When He Was In Flight

President of Southern Confederacy Tells Wife of His Plan to Escape to Europe; Mrs. Davis's Flight to South.

By Frank G. Carpenter

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—The manuscript division of the Library of Congress has just been put into shape and made accessible to the historical student some most interesting letters written by Jefferson Davis and his wife while the two were fleeing southward from Richmond at the close of the war. The letters were sent from one to the other in all sorts of ways, but in most cases by soldiers. The most of them were intercepted, and the collection finally came into the hands of Edwin M. Stanton, who was secretary of war. Mr. Stanton kept the letters among his private papers, and it was only after his death that they came to the national library. I am told that they have never been published.

These letters were written under conditions of terrible excitement. The Confederacy was falling and the sword of death hung by a hair over president Davis and his administration. The letters were written without any idea that they would ever be published, and they give perhaps the truest insight into the characters of Mr. Davis and Mrs. Davis and show the beautiful relations which they held to each other. I will let them speak for themselves.

Writes on Eve of Flight.  
The first letter is from President Davis just after he sold out his household effects in Richmond at auction and had fled southward to Danville, Va. Mrs. Davis was with her children at Charlotte, N. C.

The letter reads:  
"Danville, Va., April 6, 1865.  
"My Dear Wife: I have in vain sought to get into communication with Gen. Lee and have postponed writing in the hope that I would soon be able to speak to you with some confidence of the future. On Sunday I was called out of church to receive a telegram announcing that Gen. Lee could not hold his position longer than till night, and warning me that we must leave Richmond, as the army would commence retreating that evening. I made the necessary arrangements at my office and went to our house to have the proper disposition made there. Nothing had been done after you left and but little could be done in the few hours which remained before the train was to leave. I packed the household goods (probably of Mrs. Davis) and gave it to John Davis, who offered to take it and put it where it should never be found by a Yankee. I also gave him charge of the painting of the 'Heroes of the Valley'—both were removed after dark. The furniture of the house was left, and very little of the things I directed to be put up, including bedding and groceries, were saved. Mrs. Omelia behaved just as you described her, but seemed anxious to serve and promised to take care of everything, which may mean something. The auctioneer returned account of sales, \$25,400. Could not dispose of the carriage. Mr. Grant was afraid to take

the carriage to his house, etc., etc. I sent it to the depot to be put on a flat car. At the moment of starting it was said they could not take it in that train, but would bring it on the next train. I had heard from Mr. Grant that I had neglected to return the cow and wished him to send for her immediately. Called off on horseback to the depot, I left the servants to go down with the boxes and they left Tippy. Watson came willingly. Spencer against my will. Robert, Alf, V. B. and Ives got drunk.

"David Bradford went back from the depot to bring out the spoons and forks, which, I was told, had been left, and to come out with Gen. Breckenridge. Since then I have not heard from either of them.

"I had short notice and was interrupted so often and so little aided that the results are very unsatisfactory. The people here have been very kind, and the mayor and council have offered assistance in the matter of quarters, and have very handsomely declared their unabated confidence. I do not wish to leave Virginia, but cannot. I ride on my movements until those of the army are better developed.

"I hope you are comfortable and trust soon to hear from you. Kiss my dear children."

"J. D. Howell is here, though I have not seen him. He and Joe Nick came together as a guard to treasury specie."

"The next letter refers to a letter from Mrs. Davis, which was probably lost. It is:

"Danville, Va., April 6, 1865.  
"Dear Winnie: Many thanks for your letter giving me an account of your situation at Charlotte. In my letter of yesterday I gave you all of my prospects which can now be told, not having heard from Gen. Lee and having to conform my movements to the military necessities of the case. We are now fixing an executive office where the current business may be transacted here, and do not propose at this time definitely to fix upon a point for a seat of government in the future.

"I am unwilling to leave Va. and do not know where within her borders the requisite houses for the department and the congress could be found."

"I hope our dear children will be well when they have recovered from the effects of their journey. Enclosed please find two letters. As specimens of deep feeling and life speaking they might serve for extremes in their classes."

"Love to Maggie, Little Maggie, Jeff, Billy and little Winnie. Farewell, my love. May God bless, preserve and guide you."

Letter From Mrs. Davis.  
The next letter is from Mrs. Davis.

It was written at Charlotte, N. C., and it begins with the affectionate title by which Mrs. Davis frequently addressed her husband:

"My Own Dear Old Banny: Since my arrival here I have been so busy as to have only the evening to write in, and then but one room where the children would be. I do not know how soon you but one disappointed letter."

"The news of Richmond came upon me like the 'abomination of desolation,' the loss of Selma like the 'blackness thereof.' Since your telegram upon your arrival at Danville we have nothing except the wildest rumors, all, however, discouraging."

"I, who know that your strength when it is great, and that you can do with a few what others have failed to do with many, am awaiting prayerfully the advent of the time when it is God's will to deliver us through His own appointed agent."

"It would comfort me greatly if you could find an opportunity to write to me. I am anxious to hear from you, and I am anxious to hear from you, and I am anxious to hear from you."

"The gentlemen I have seen here (the officers of the post) are exceedingly kind, and have offered me every civility in their power."

"The surgeon general was also very kind in his offers of service. Col. Johnston with his wife called to see me. Mrs. Joe Johnston is here living with the cashier of the bank at Danville. She keeps a very pretty fancy carriage and horse. I have not seen her, but I hear she is going out of town before long to some watering place or other. Mrs. Semmes went off yesterday for the south. I did not see her. The Wigfalls are staying, I believe, with Mrs. Johnston, also. They arrived yesterday."

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One of the physicians said: "She is, without doubt, the most perfect of our way? Did you bring the brandy? Where is Joe?"

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"My Dear Banny: The rumors of a raid on Charlotte induced me to come south, and a threatened raid here induces me to leave without making an hour's unnecessary stay. I go with the special train because they have a strong guard and are attended by two responsible men. I am going somewhere, perhaps to Washington, Ga., perhaps only to Abbeville (S. C.) I don't know. Just as the children seem to bear the journey will I decide. General Chestnut is anxious as the author of the letter you sent me to Charlotte, but oh so moody that I am wordless, helpless. The children are well, as are Maggie and Winnie. I don't know the truth of the horrible rumors I hear of you. One is that you have started for Gen. Lee, but have never been heard of. I am sure you are very kind. He will catch up with my train and join me tomorrow."

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## Stolen Madonna Is Returned to Church

Rome, Italy, Nov. 8.—The recovery of the stolen "Madonna and Child" of Pinturicchio in London and its return to the church of St. Maria Maggiore at Spello, from whence it was stolen, is announced. A customs' deposit ticket relating to some article left in London was found on one of four men arrested by the Italian government on suspicion of being concerned in the theft of the picture. Inquiry showed that the ticket referred to a large traveling trunk, which bore no name. A watch was kept, but no one appeared to claim the trunk. It was opened and found to contain the picture. The Italian consul in London and other officials examined the picture, which measures 4 feet 10 inches by 2 feet 10 inches, and is painted on wood. The identification was held to be complete. Apparently the trunk with its false bottom, had been specially made to receive the painting, as it was exactly the right size.

and figure she knows how to carry herself how to walk and stand and sit. She is the only girl in this college who has ever attained such physical perfection.

ended their confidence. The loss of arms has been so great that, should the spirit of the people rise to the occasion, it would not be at this time possible adequately to supply them with the weapons of war.

"Gen. Johnston had several interviews with Sherman and agreed on a suspension of hostilities, and the reference of terms of pacification. They are secret and may be rejected by the Yankee government. To us, they are hard enough, though freed from wanton humiliation and expressly recognizing the state governments, and the making peace at everything—the children seemed to improve under it."

"Mr. Clay passed through here today, but did not stop long enough to see me. I felt quite disappointed because he was so very kind to me at Chester and Charlotte. He sent me a letter from his home in Washington in a very few days."

"Margaret sends you her best love, little Willie sends hers, and the boys—your little pet would I know feel for you if she hoped to find you."

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P. S.—How comes it that my dear Joe did not go to you as soon as possible? I long for one word from you. I will come to you for a day or two if this truce is really so—i. e., if you can spare me. The children are all well. Jeff has gotten well."

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